Boston, March 25th, 1863.

Dear Sir:

In the spring of 1847, Elihu Burritt returned from England, where he had formed a League of Universal Brotherhood, and made efforts to form the same in this country The Pledge which he required to he taken as an entrance to this League being ohjectionahle, in some respects, to several persons who still desired to enter the League, two others were formed as suhstitutes, called "Declarations." The following are copies of these Declarations, and of the signatures attached:

DECLARATION.

Recognizing the Christian truth, that God has made of one hlood all nations of men, and that all his children are hrethren; feeling that questions hetween them should he decided hy the reason and judgment, and not hy hrute force; regarding the Arbitrament of War as monstrous, unjust and unchristian, like the Trial hy Battle, which disgraced the dark ages, while it is destructive of the hest interests of mankind; and believing that religion, humanity and policy require the general disarming of the Christian nations, to the end that the enormous expenditures now lavished upon preparations for war may he applied to purposes of usefulness and beneficence, and that the profession of the soldier may cease, I do herehy associate myself with all persons, of whatever country, condition or color, who may have signed, or shall hereafter sign this Declaration, in a League of Human Brotherhood, whose ohject it shall he to employ all legitimate and moral means for the aholition of War and all the spirit and manifestations of War throughout the world, and of whatever else tends to make enemies of nations, or prevent their fusion into one peaceful brotherhood.

Roh't Waterston,	Geo H. Deane,	Otis Clapp,	James Freeman Clarke,
Sam'l May,	C. Stearns.	Moses G. Thomas.	J. A. Andrew,
Benj. H. Greene,	Charles Sumner,	Warren Burton,	James Tolman,
†Geo. Merrill,	S. G. Howe,	Charles Spear,	Henry P. Nichols,
Walter Channing,	*Moses Grant,	*Rohert Fuller,	E. W Jackson,
Wm. C. Brown,	Geo. B. Emerson,	Willis Howes,	*G. Tuckerman,
*Charles B. Fairbanks,	*Theodore Parker,	†J. P Blanchard,	Wm. B. Fowle,
Samuel Johnson,	Hazen J. Burton,	Ezra S Gannett,	Geo F. Williams.
*John Davis,	Elizur Wright,	*Amos Farnsworth,	Thomas R. Sewall.

DECLARATION.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves with all persons, of whatever country, condition or color, who have signed. or shall sign this Declaration, or any other of the same general purport, in a League of Human Brotherhood, whose object it shall be to refrain from and discountenance all War, and by all legitimate and moral means, to abolish all War, and all the spirit and manifestations of War throughout the world, and whatever tends to make enemies of nations, or to prevent their union into one peaceful brotherhood.

†George Merrill,	*Jno. Simpkins,	H. I. Bowditch,	Charles Deane,
*Theodore Parker,	*Wm. R. Sumner,	Samuel S. Curtis,	Wm. Crosby,
Edw'd Winslow,	Alfred H. Sumner,	Samuel Tenney,	Jno. Baker,
James L. Baker,	†S. E. Sewall,	Charles Cleveland,	Wm. R. Deane,
*Francis Jackson,	*Ellis Gray Loring,	*Josiah F. Flagg,	Lewis G. Pray,
Charles Stimpson,	Chas. Brooks,	S. K. Whipple,	Daniel W. Barnes,
J. F. Bumstead,	Charles Francis Adams,	S. G. Simpkins,	Benjamin F. White,
Wm. C. Stimpson,	*Frederick T. Gray,	John S. Williams,	Albert Fearing,
Geo. H Reed.	George E. Ellis,	Charles C. Barry,	*C. Andrews,
Moses G. Thomas,	Charles Briggs,	†J. P. Blanchard,	N. Davis Cotton,
Geo. G. Channing,	S. E. Brackett,	Amos Farnsworth,	Thos. Edwards,
David Reed,	Otis Daniel,	James Freeman Clarke,	Sam'l P. Heywood.
George Homer.	James Munroe, Jr.,	*Abiel Chandler,	John J. May,
*Chas. F. Hovey,	J. N. Daniel,	T. P. Chandler,	E. M. P. Wells.
R C. Waterston,	*S. H. Barnes,	James Tolman,	
Francis N Mitchell,	Geo. Wm. Bond,	L. T. Stoddard,	

These documents are probably forgotten by those whose names are signed as above, and a printed copy is now sent to each of the survivors of them, not only to refresh their memories, but to afford a subject to their consideration, whether they were in error when they signed them, or whether they still retain the sentiments expressed, but do not perceive them to be applicable to the present war, and for what reason. The original of the declaration in MS, with the autograph signatures, are in my possession.

Respectfully,

J. P. BLANCHARD.

Those whose names are marked *, are deceased. Only the three marked † retain the sentiments expressed, and apply them to the present war. The others, as far as can be ascertained, are in favor of its prosecution.